

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Caley for the attention accorded to the instant application, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application. Claims 1, 3-6 and 9-20 are pending. Claim 10 is allowed.

Claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 11-15 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,095,457 to Chou (hereinafter, "Chou") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,987,794 to Lavi et al. (hereinafter, "Lavi"). Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chou in view of Lavi and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,445,373 to Yamamoto (hereinafter, "Yamamoto"). Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chou in view of Lavi and Yamamoto and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,545,732 to Nakano (hereinafter, "Nakano"). Claims 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chou in view of Lavi and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 7,150,557 to Chen et al. (hereinafter, "Chen").

Claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-20 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to re-file the subject matter of cancelled Claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-20 in continuing applications.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants request reconsideration of the present patent application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-20 have been cancelled without prejudice, obviating all 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections. Withdrawal of these rejections is earnestly solicited.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 11-15 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chou in view of Lavi. Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chou in view of Lavi and in further view of Yamamoto. Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chou in view of Lavi and Yamamoto and in further view of Nakano. Claims 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chou in view of Lavi and in further view of Chen.

Claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-20 have been cancelled without prejudice, obviating all 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections. Withdrawal of these rejections is earnestly solicited. Applicants believe that the paper submitted herein provides a complete response to the Office Action, and the present case is in condition for allowance. Therefore, in view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of all rejections, and allowance of all pending claims in due course.

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